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# *Village of Almont*

*817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003*

**Village Council:**  
Steve Schneider, President  
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem  
Richard Lauer  
Dave Love  
Gary Peltier  
Richard Tobias  
Thomas Umphenour

## **ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 5, 2013**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Tobias, Schneider, Umphenour

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:	Village Manager	Oliver Turner
	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
	DDA Director	Nancy Boxey
	WWTP Supervisor	Mark Farley
	Building Official	Joe Israel

Guests Present: Attorney Bob Siebert, Dr. Lois Meek

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2013  
Mr. Hitch requested that Council postpone discussion of the dog ordinance to the next regular meeting. Also, the auction in Flint closed the day of the last meeting.
2. Warrant #13-02-A Checks #31170 – 31231  
Council asked questions regarding the labeling of some of the Departments.  
Clerk/Treasurer Keesler is working on cleaning them up.
3. Payroll Report

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jeremy Miller, owner of Jeet Kune Do Martial Arts at 122 S. Main, explained there is a problem with the roof leaking at his place of business. It has gotten to the point where it is affecting his business. Discussion was held.



*"We're growing in the right direction."*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Appointment of Ms. Lori Vinckier to DDA Board of Directors

President Schneider moved to appoint Ms. Lori Vinckier to the Almont DDA Board of Directors for a four year term terminating in March of 2017.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify the appointment of Ms. Lori Vinckier to the Almont DDA Board of Directors.

### 2. Ordinance No. 186 – International Property Maintenance Code

It was the consensus of Council to hold the first reading of Ordinance #186 – International Property Maintenance Code.

Discussion was held regarding the grandfathering of existing buildings having a current Certificate of Occupancy.

### 3. Resolution No. 13-02-01 – Extension of Current Terms in Accordance with Public Act 523 of 2012

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #13-02-01 to extend the current terms of Village officials in accordance with PA 523 of 2012.

#### ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Love, Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: None

### 4. Resolution No. 13-02-02 – Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application

DDA Director Boxey made a presentation on the Rural Business Enterprise Grant and requested authorization to submit the application for the redevelopment of the municipal parking lot at 123 Branch Street.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #13-02-02 authorizing the submission of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant application in the amount of \$50,400 to U.S. Department of Agriculture for the redevelopment of the municipal parking lot at 123 Branch Street.

#### ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Peltier, Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: None



**5. Schultz, Inc. - \$2,748.80 - Filter Sand Removal - WWTP**

WWTP Supervisor Farley made a presentation on the process of maintaining the tertiary treatment system. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve both quotes from Schultz, Inc. in the amount of \$2,748.80 and to give Village Manager Turner and WWTP Supervisor Farley the jurisdiction and authorization to start utilizing the \$35,000 which was budgeted for this project.

**6. Closed Session**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, to wit: *Brown v. Village of Almont*, Lapeer County Circuit Court Docket No. 12-045945 (H) as well as *Armbruster v. Village of Almont*, Lapeer County Circuit Court Docket No. 12-045079 (H).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Tobias, Umphenour, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: None

Council entered into Closed Session at 8:31 p.m.

Council came out of Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

**7. Employee Handbook – Language Modification**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Umphenour seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Village Manager Turner to modify language in the employee handbook as presented.

**8. Fiber Optic Connection Application and Contract**

After discussion was held, it was the consensus of Council to re-draft the fiber optic application and bring it before Council at the next regular meeting.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**1. Liability Insurance Coverage Options**

It was the consensus of Council to increase the coverage level of the Village's employee dishonesty policy to \$250,000.

**2. MML Natural Gas Purchasing Program**

It was the consensus of Council for the Village Manager to investigate the options in an effort to reduce the Village's natural gas expenditures.



**3. Air Advantage Fiber Optic Utilization Agreement**

It was the consensus of Council that the "Limitation of Liability" section of the Fiber Optic Utilization Agreement needs to be updated.

**4. Joint Master Plan and Master Parks and Recreation Plan**

**5. DDA Director's Report**

**6. Warrant Items**

**COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT:**

Village Manager Turner informed Council the Village was awarded a \$5,000 grant for the installation of security cameras at the park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: February 19, 2013

